

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments.

Upon entry of the amendments, claims 9, 11-14 and 16-18 will remain pending in this application. Claim 18 has been amended merely to reference SEQ ID NOs. No claims have been added or canceled.

The specification also has been amended to reference SEQ ID NOs. None of these amendments add new matter into the application.

At this time, Applicants believe that the application is in condition for allowance, and therefore respectfully request favorable reconsideration of it. If the Examiner believes that an interview would advance prosecution of the application, he is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone.

Respectfully submitted,

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